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COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD  
SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting  
Held at CIA Headquarters  
Langley, Virginia  
28 October 1969

1. The 14th meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee of the USIB Security Committee was held on 28 October 1969 between 1330 and 1505 hours in Room 4E-64, CIA Headquarters Building. In attendance were:

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Mr. Richard F. Kitterman, State Member

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Mr. Thomas A. Eccleston, Army Member

Mr. Robert B. Cameron, Navy Member

Lt. Col. Charles V. Burns, USAF Member

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Mr. Donald R. Roderick, FBI Member

Col. William D. Marsland, Jr., JCS/JCCRG Observer

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Mr. Louis J. Martin, Army

Mr. Alexander S. Chodakowski, State

Mr. William S. Donaldson, Air Force

Mr. James M. Barko, FBI

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2. The security level of the meeting was announced as Top Secret COMINT.

3. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the 7 October 1969 meeting were approved without amendment.

4. Multilevel Operations: The FBI was reported as the only member that had submitted his paper on key security features of multilevel operations. The Chairman urged that prior to the next meeting all members submit the paper outlining key computer security protection features being utilized by their respective agencies. The Chairman also asked Colonel Marsland whether his office had any information which might be included in the consolidated subcommittee paper on this topic. Colonel Marsland advised that he would consider the matter and report any findings to the Chairman.

5. Standards for Security Classification Indicators in Community Data Bases: The Chairman raised this issue by asking the members to voice their opinions as to whether the Computer Security Subcommittee should address this problem as outlined at the previous session. All members agreed that the problem did require consideration and no one had any objection to addressing the issue either alone or in conjunction with the IHC.

Discussion of the issue reflected two phases of the problem: the collation of requirements for categorizing security classification, dissemination control, and downgrading grouping indicators; establishment of a computer based coding scheme for appropriately translating the "manual" designators into computer terms. The Chairman recalled a study of this nature conducted in 1968 with reference to the work of the Defense Science Board Computer Security Task Force. He agreed to make available to the Subcommittee the results of this previous study, but accented the need to bring the previous work up to date. It was also emphasized that whereas the Security Committee environment may provide a good arena in which to define the requirement for standards in classification and controlled indicators for community data bases, the technical community must address that part of the problem related to the establishment of computer based coding schemes.

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6. IBM Customer Records Security Problem: With reference to the security problem posed by the maintenance of customer records by IBM on the equipment it leases to the intelligence community, the NSA and CIA members were the only representatives on the Subcommittee who felt that corrective action on the problem was necessary. In view of the limited interest in this problem among the group, it was decided that the NSA and CIA members would address the problem bilaterally, but would notify the Subcommittee of any action taken. The NSA representative requested that he be provided an in depth briefing on the problem by the IBM representative who had first brought it to the attention of CIA; the Chairman agreed to arrange such a briefing.

7. Other Business:

a) The Chairman advised that he had briefed the Security Committee on the Subcommittee's recent discussion of the need for a computer security course within the community. He also noted that the idea of developing such a course under Subcommittee auspices was well received; in addition, the Chairman of the Security Committee had offered for such a course the facilities currently used for technical counter-measure training

b) The Chairman noted that the Fall Joint Computer Conference was being held in Las Vegas, Nevada between 17 and 20 November 1969. Of particular significance to the Subcommittee is a scheduled technical session on the computer security and privacy problem. The Chairman noted a seminar sponsored by the American Management Association in New York City between 18 and 20 November entitled "Catastrophe Prevention and Security Management in the Computer Complex."

c) Notification was given of the recent publication of the proceedings of the 1968 NSA Invitational Workshop on Networks of Computers; included in these proceedings are several papers on the topic of computer security. The Chairman also pointed out that the Test and Evaluation Report of the DIA ANSRS System had recently been distributed.

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8. The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 1330 hours on 25 November 1969.



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Chairman  
Computer Security Subcommittee

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